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**TITLE: POURING SPOUT CLOSURE WITH PIERCING CUTTER FOR  
COMPOSITE PACKAGINGS OR CONTAINERS SEALED WITH  
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The enclosed references were cited in Applicant's International Search Report (copy enclosed) and International Preliminary Examination Report (copy enclosed) for Applicant's corresponding P.C.T. Application, No. PCT/CH2004/000449, filed July 14, 2004, which claims foreign priority on the basis of Applicant's corresponding Switzerland patent application, filed July 28, 2003, or otherwise known to Applicant.

The accompanying references relate generally to container closures, etc., generally known to the prior art.

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